

Meeting & Field Trip of the Creeks, Drainage & Wastewater Committee (CDWAC)
with guests from the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Water System Advisory
Committee, and Customer Review Panel
August 21, 2019 Meeting Notes
West Point Treatment Plant
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

CAC Member learning objectives (identified at beginning of tour)

- Overflows/capacity
- Combined systems
- LOOP Biosolids
- How to prevent next overflow event, like February 2017 overflow event
- Capacity/lifespan of this facility

Topics covered during presentation and tour

- Wet weather treatment process
- Underground storage tanks
- Overflows
 - o February 2017 overflow event
 - o July 2019 overflow event
- What is in wastewater
- Industrial discharge
- Non-flushables
 - Trash
 - Organics
 - o Chemicals
 - o Bacteria
- Why we don't treat wastewater to drinking water levels
- Class A Level treatment for irrigation

Questions/Discussions from attendees

- Long term plans to separate combined systems?
- Will Ship Canal project eliminate need for alternatives, such as wet weather treatment plants?
- Enforcement process for industrial discharge
- Treatment of wastewater for irrigation-level cleanliness
- Impact of February 2017 overflow event on rates, and how much insurance ultimately covered
- Connection between overflow events and marine impacts
- Has the WP Treatment Plant been seismically retrofitted? How so?